

Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

Middle Old Testament History: 1 Kings 12-18, 2 Chron. 10-16

(For class to be held on January 7, 2017)

Read 2 Chron. 10-12 – The Dividing of the Kingdom: King Rehoboam of Judah

1. When Jeroboam and the delegates from the 10 northern tribes of Israel asked Rehoboam to ease up on the heavy yoke (forced labor and taxes, etc.) that Solomon had required of them, what did the old men who had advised Solomon counsel him to do? _____. How did Rehoboam's young friends advise him? _____
2. Whose advice did Rehoboam follow? _____. What was the result? _____
3. When Rehoboam called for all the soldiers of Judah and Benjamin to go to war against the 10 northern tribes, what stopped him from following through? _____
4. Why did Rehoboam turn several of his cities into fortresses? _____
5. Why did the priests and Levites that lived in the Levitical cities in the 10 northern tribes move to Judah and Jerusalem? _____
6. Which son of Rehoboam was chosen to be his heir? _____. Why? _____
7. What did God do when after three years Rehoboam led Judah in forsaking the law of the LORD? _____
_____. How was Israel saved from destruction by this huge army? _____
8. When Shishak returned to Egypt, what did Shishak take from Judah? _____

***Suggested Reading, *Prophets and Kings*, Chapter 6 (pages 87-98)

Read 1 Kings 12-14, 2 Chron. 13 – The Dividing of the Kingdom: King Jeroboam of Israel

1. 1 Kings 12:1-19 is almost identical with 2 Chronicles 10. What does verse 20 tell us that was not so clear in 2 Chronicles 10 or 11? _____
2. What was Jeroboam afraid would cause the people of Israel to turn back to King Rehoboam? _____
_____. What did Jeroboam do to prevent this? _____
_____. Who were chosen as priests? _____
3. When Jeroboam intended to institute a new festival with a sacrifice at Bethel, who met him there and pronounced a curse on that altar? _____. What happened to Jeroboam when he called for men to grab the prophet? _____
4. Why did God later allow that prophet from Judah to be killed by a lion? _____
5. Do you think the second man was a false or a true prophet? (Explain) _____
6. Who foretold the death of Jeroboam's son and the cut off of his family from the kingdom? _____
7. Who became king after Jeroboam? _____
8. What evil is mentioned about Rehoboam and Judah in 1 Kings 14 that was not mentioned in 2 Chronicles 12? _____
9. Although the frequent warfare between Jeroboam and Rehoboam was not very decisive, what king of Judah put his trust in God and overwhelmingly defeated the much larger army of Israel? _____
10. How many years did Rehoboam reign? _____. How many years did his son reign? _____. Jeroboam? _____

***Suggested Reading *PK*, chapter 7 (pages 99-108)

Read 1 Kings 15:1-16:28, 2 Chron. 14-16 – Early Kings of Israel & King Asa of Judah

1. What is Abijah's name in 1 Kings? _____. Was he a good or bad king for Judah? _____
2. Who was the next King of Judah and how long did he reign? _____. Was he good or bad? _____
3. What king of Israel fortified Ramah as a control point for who could enter Judah? _____. How did King Asa defeat this aggression? _____
4. Who killed King Nadab and all the family of Jeroboam and became king of Israel? _____
5. Who assassinated King Elah of Israel in his second year while he was drunk? _____. How long did this new king last? _____. What military captain was proclaimed king next? _____. What rival was set up as king opposed to him? _____. Where was the new seat of government for Israel established under Omri? _____. What kind of King was Omri? _____
6. Who ruled Judah all the time of all the above kings of Israel? _____. After at least 10 years into his reign, who came against him with an army with a million men? _____ of _____.
7. What three tribes are specifically named because many of their people joined Judah in Jerusalem when they saw that God was with Asa? _____, _____, _____
8. Who came to Asa after his 36th year as king and told him that because he relied on the King of Syria for help against Israel, from then on he would have wars to fight? _____. How did Asa respond to this prophet's message? _____

Read 1 Kings 16:29-34 – King Ahab of Israel

1. What does the Bible say about how evil Omri's son Ahab was as king of Israel? _____
2. Who did Ahab make Queen? _____. Where was she from? _____. What religion became dominant in Israel under her influence? _____

***Suggested Reading, *PK*, chapter 8, (pages 109-116)

Read 1 Kings 17:1-18:19 – God Sends Elijah the Prophet

1. Where did God send Elijah after he told Ahab it would not rain until he gave the word? _____
2. When the drought became severe, where did God send Elijah? _____. What two miracles happened there? _____
3. Who saved 100 men of the prophets from Jezebel's plan to kill them? _____
4. Of what did Ahab accuse Elijah when they met, and what was Elijah's response? _____

***Suggested Reading, *PK*, Chapters 9 & 10 (pages 119-142)

Read 1 Kings 18:19-46 – Showdown at Mt. Carmel

1. How many false prophets in total came to Mt. Carmel at Elijah's command? _____
2. Between Baal and Elijah's God, what was to be the proof of who was the true God? _____
3. What reasons did Elijah give for why the prophets of Baal called on Baal from morning to noon without getting an answer? _____. What did these false prophets do next in attempt to get action from Baal? _____. How long did it go on? _____
4. What did Elijah do to prevent any claim that he secretly lit his sacrifice on fire? _____
5. What was the result of the fire from heaven? _____
6. How did the people respond? _____ What was done with all the false prophets?

***Suggested Reading, *PK*, chapter 11 (pages 143-154)